

Mr. W. P. Johnson
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Dear Mr. Johnson:

This responds to your letter dated May 4, 1976, in which you state: ". . . I am interested in providing a leakage survey and maintenance program for master metered mobil home parks and apartment complexes. . . . I need to know the certification requirements that must be met. Also, I need to know the type of equipment that is approved for this work."

The Materials Transportation Bureau administers Federal safety regulations applicable to pipelines used in commerce to transport gas. The regulations, which are set forth in 49 CFR Part 192 (copy enclosed), require that each operator must have a written plan for the operation and maintenance of his pipeline facilities in accordance with applicable safety requirements. Specific certification requirements concerning those individuals who will conduct leak surveys or type of equipment to be used under such operating and maintenance plans are the responsibility of the operator and are not contained in the regulations. The only requirement concerning the qualifications of individuals or person is included in the Federal safety standards in performance type language under Subpart I, Requirements for Corrosion Control. Section 192.453 states: "Each operator shall establish procedures to implement the requirements of this subpart. These procedures, including those for design, installation, operation, and maintenance of cathodic protection, must be carried out by, or under the direction of, a person qualified by experience and training in pipeline corrosion control methods."

Should you desire additional information regarding any facet of the gas pipeline safety program, you may contact the following office:

Materials Transportation Bureau
Office of Pipeline Safety Operations
Western Region, MTP-50-WE
831 Mitten Road
Burlingame, California 94010
Regional Chief: Jack Overly
Phone (415) 876-9085

Thank you for your interest in pipeline safety.

Sincerely,

/signed/

Cesar DeLeon
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May 4, 1976

Department of Transportation
Office of Pipeline Safety
Washington, D. C. 20590

Dear Sir:

I understand there are certain standards for the maintenance of underground gas piping systems, I realize the Public Utilities maintain their own facilities but I am interested in providing a leakage survey and maintenance program for master metered mobil home parks and apartment complexes.

Since I have an interest in providing this service, I need to know the certification requirements that must be met. Also, I need to know the type of equipment that is approved for this work.

If your department has plans to enforce the law with private companies providing gas service through one master meter there will be an immediate need for a leakage survey service. Since this is the case, I would appreciate a prompt reply to my request for information.

Thank you for your kind cooperation.

Sincerely,

W. P. Johnson